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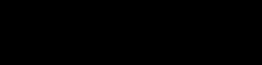
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ICBM SILO LAUNCH, USSR

The 20 June 1965 issue of the Soviet magazine "OGONEK" displayed a photograph on the back cover of an ICBM being launched from a silo. This missile has subsequently been identified as an SS-7 and after correlating the ground photograph with KEYHOLE photography, it is believed that the view shown in "OGONEK" was taken at Launch Area D-1, Tyuratam Missile Test Center. Figure 1 illustrates both the view from "OGONEK" 

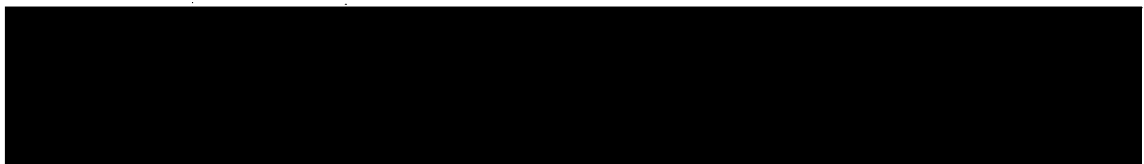
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It is interesting to note that on the photograph published by the Soviets there is a "W" shaped exhaust indicating the presence of ports on either side of the silo.

There are studs on the missile near the top of the first stage which could indicate that SS-7 rides out of Type III-A silos on rails. The latter observation would explain how the missile is launched from the 15-foot diameter silo consistently observed at Type III-A launch sites.

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